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AT CROSSFIELD THURSDAYS.

# THE CHRONICLE

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### Preserving FRUIT!

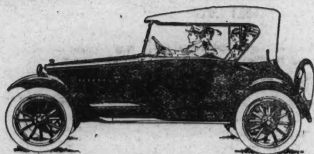
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### Local and General

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cavander and Peggy, of Calgary, late of Crossfield, have been visiting for the past two weeks at Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hall's and Mrs. Wilson's. They returned home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calholm have rented the premises over the post office. Mr. Calholm has been engaged as stableman at Wicks' Livery Barn, and will be on the spot to attend to the horses left in his charge.

W. Tims shipped a car load of cattle on Thursday. The U.F.A. also sent away their weekly quota of hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bray and family accompanied by nurse King arrived home on Monday morning.

The McCacklin boys have been busy at the Lumber Yard this week constructing a cook car for Charlie Smart.

The continuance of the present fine weather is a great assistance to the farmers in the district harvesting the grain. The local threshermen are busy making the necessary repairs to their outfits to be ready to take their share in the work.

Harry Shingleton returned from the front on Wednesday last, he has been wounded twice. He is now suffering from a bullet wound in the back. He left for the front a year ago last June.

The best is the cheapest in the long run, and you can have many a long run in a Saxon "Six." Better buy before the advance. Thomas Amery, Agent.

Don't forget the Auction Sale of 16 Good Brood Mares and Colts, at the Stockyards, Crossfield, on Saturday afternoon, September 22nd, 1917, at 2:30 p.m.

Union Church, Sunday, Sept. 16th Services, on west end of circuit, Botrel at 11 a.m., Beaver Dam at 2 p.m., Sunshine at 4 p.m., and Crossfield at 7:30 p.m.

Come and bring your friends.

There is a rumour afloat that the Post Office is likely to be moved to premises on the front street, after the phone office has got in their new home.

Dr. Mecklenburg, Graduate Optician, of long experience, will again be at Carstairs Hotel, on Monday, September 24th. Consult him about your eyes. Charges are moderate.

Mr. E. H. Morrow, Crossfield, is amongst the list of candidates for the Queen's University Examinations to be held at Calgary to-day, Friday.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors who so kindly extended sympathy and assistance during the sickness and death of our wife and mother, also those who sent flowers.

Mr. Murray and Daughter,  
Cope Ranch,  
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Wanted to Rent, 1/2 Section, with good Buildings, and within easy distance of town.—Apply to the Postmaster.

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For Sale.—White Pony, docked tail. Absolutely quiet, ride or drive. G. A. C. Dougan.

For Sale.—A Quantity of little Pigs. Apply E. D. High.

Wanted to Buy, One good Hay Stacker and Sweep. Must be in good condition. J. Roeder and Son.

For Sale.—Berkshire Boars \$20; Two Registered Shorthorn Bulls \$150 and \$225. G. T. Jones.

Lost.—On Friday, June 22nd, between Crossfield and D. K. Fike's corner, a Black Rubber Wrap Rug, green lined. Finder please leave at Wicks Livery Barn.

On 8/16.—Seven Shoats, 9 weeks old. Phone 4505. Jos. Cressman. Lost.—An Iron Wagon Tire, east of the railway on the blind line. Finder please phone 209.

For Sale.—One eight foot Deering Binder. Apply E. D. High.

For Sale.—One Duroc Boar. Apply to I. C. Hubbs.

Strayed from Sec. 11, 29, 2, One Black Mare, rising two years old. Branded on right shoulder 57 D. K. Fike.

Wanted, Three Teams and Men for hauling bundles for Threshing. Will pay current wages. Apply D. K. Fike.

Lost, Roan Heifer, 3 years old. Branded right ribs

W. J. Anderson. W

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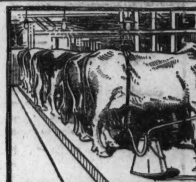
**The NEW GARAGE NOW OPEN  
in Urquharts Old Store.**

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### Conditions Terrible in Evacuated Districts

The following is an extract from a report just received from one of the delegates who visited one of the destroyed French towns in the area recently evacuated by the Germans.

"When we reached Noyon and Ham and began to visit the hospitals, I did not feel as helpless as I have felt ever since coming into the region. Here was something I knew about, and something I felt we could perhaps help. I will not go into details—it would only harrow you. The men were, of course, condemned. No where did we find any pillows, nowhere any rubber cushions, nowhere any back rests. In one hospital a man shot in the back was half lying, half sitting, propped up by his overcoat. In another, the orderly begged an air cushion for a man wounded in so many places that he could not stand the weight of his own body. In the great tent evacuation hospital the floor was of trampled earth. The Medical chief said it had been mud when they raised the tents a few days ago. Here they asked for linoleum to lay beside the beds. Milk was impossible to find, condensed milk almost as difficult to get. (I forgot to tell you that almost everywhere one sees signs which condemn the water in the wells.) Could they have oranges, stimulants, blankets, medicaments. These over-worked surgeons and nurses have no time to write to the various societies, and what they need they need at once. The visits of our delegates, therefore, are a relief to them. I hope that no wounded in any hospital will suffer for lack of the things we saw wanting here. But the thought of the hospitals elsewhere that we had not visited haunted me."



## Reduce

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A complete line of Fixtures and Supplies  
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Also all Wiring in connection.





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for first insertion; and 8 cents each sub-  
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ROBERT WHITFIELD,  
Printer and Publisher.

CROSSFIELD, Alberta, Sept. 14, 1917.

### Hungry Germany Forgets How She Starved Paris

The storm of wrath in Germany against  
the blockade has again broken out on the  
ground that it is inhuman and worse than  
any reprisals that Germany can possibly  
make on land or on water.

An incident, however, is recalled in  
the tragedy of 1870, when Germany saw  
herself the victor over France, that con-  
veniently escapes the attention of the new  
prophets of humanity in Berlin. It  
occurred when M. Thiers went to Ver-  
sailles in 1870 to negotiate an armistice  
with Bismarck. This was the first meet-  
ing of the two statesmen. They finished  
by agreeing to nearly everything; length  
of the armistice, twenty-five days; aim  
of armistice, to allow France to proceed to  
a general election; but the question of re-  
victualizing Paris ran the whole armistice  
aground.

Thiers had handed over a note in which  
he figured the population of the French  
capital as being 2,500,000 inhabitants, in-  
cluding 400,000 soldiers. He asked there-  
fore, that during the armistice the follow-  
ing supplies would be allowed to enter  
into Paris: 30,000 oxen, 80,000 sheep,  
8,000 pigs, 5,000 goats, 100,000 quintals  
of wheat, 30,000 quintals of vegetables  
and 100,000 tons of coal.

When Bismarck heard that, he entered  
into a veritable rage:

"If we would concede you what you  
ask there," he said, "you would be able  
to live two months more and we would  
be obliged to stay here all winter. We  
will expect the end of your food. Or  
give me one of the Paris forts; then, I  
will let you have some food."

"I will never surrender a fort," pro-  
tested Thiers. "Please submit the question  
to your King."

King Upholds Bismarck.

The question was submitted to the  
Prussian King and to Moltke. Their  
verdict was exactly the same as that of  
Bismarck.

"The King," Thiers was told the  
following day, "will accord the revictual-  
izing of Paris if you will give him an  
equivalent."

"Which equivalent?"

"Give us a fort of Paris."

And on that exigency the negotiation  
dropped.

On the other side, in the memoirs of  
Bismarck, edited by Moritz Busch, we

can read the following opinion expressed  
by the Chancellor:

"The best scheme to break the re-  
sistance of the Parisians would be to give  
them some food; then to starve them;  
then to give them food again. It is the  
scheme of cudgelling. When you cudgel  
without stopping, it produces no effect at  
all; but if you stop and begin again, then  
you feel something. . . . I know it;  
I have been employed in a criminal trial  
and from time to time we give the  
cudgels to the condemned people!"

And in the same memoirs, a little  
further, we find that utterance of the  
German Chancellor:

"I hope that Paris will surrender next  
week. After the capitulation we will, of  
course, be obliged to send some food to  
the population; but before we do the  
people of Paris must give us their 700,000  
rifles and their 400,000 muskets. We will  
not let them have a piece of bread. We  
will occupy all the forts of the inclosure  
and we will put the Parisians on diet until  
they have concluded with us a satisfactory  
peace!"

This is what Bismarck thought and  
said. This is what happened in 1870.  
The impartial public will judge whether  
what 50 years ago was legal and humane  
with regard to French women and French  
children is to-day cruel and humane with  
regard to German women and German  
children.

### Black or Stem Bust of Wheat

"Black rust is responsible for much of  
the losses to grain in Western Canada.  
Occasionally epidemics, such as that of  
1916, occur and cause a loss of hundreds  
of millions of dollars to the national  
wealth." Such is a statement in bulletin

No. 33, second series, entitled "The Black  
or Stem Rust of Wheat" recently issued  
by the Division of Botany of the Dominion  
Experimental Station, which at once in-  
dicates its own importance as well as the  
disastrous nature of the disease. Although  
special stress is laid upon the losses ex-  
perienced in Western Canada, the disease

is by no means confined to that section of  
the country, but might break out any-  
where. Thus a study of the bulletin by  
the agricultural community generally is  
commended. It purports to be a popular  
account of the nature, cause and preven-  
tion of grain rust and as such it is written  
in plain but definite language. In the  
earlier part of the year a card-poster,  
with a border of descriptive illustration  
in colours, was circulated by the Depart-  
ment of Agriculture at Ottawa, giving in  
brief form precautions that can be taken  
against the approach of the disease and  
that might have a minimizing effect later.

The present bulletin, which can be  
had free from the Publications Branch of  
the Department, amplifies the advice  
there given and minutely tells how the  
disease can be identified in its incipency.  
It describes the red or summer stage and  
the black or winter stage, the action of  
the fungus on the host plant and the re-  
lation of stem rust to the barberry. It  
also alludes to the fact that with the dis-  
appearance of the barberry in Denmark,  
the fungus of rust vanished or perceptibly  
lessened in extent.

### Lodge Cards

CROSSFIELD LODGE I. O. O. F.

No.



49

Meets Every Wednesday Night in the  
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Visiting Brethren Welcome.

S. H. BRAY, N. G.

S. WILLIS, Rec.-Secy.

### Council Meetings

The council of the Village of Crossfield  
will meet in the Council Chamber over  
Fire Hall on the first Monday of each  
month, commencing with February at  
the hour of 8-30 o'clock p. m.

By Order of the Village Council.  
51-52. W. Melroy, Sec.-Treas.

### Crossfield School District No. 753

The REGULAR MEETINGS of the above  
school Board will be held at the School  
House at 10 a. m. on the first Saturday  
in the following months: January, March  
May, July, September and November.  
All matters of business pertaining to  
this district will be attended to at this  
meeting.

The office of the Sec.-Treas. is in the  
Crossfield School House.

A. R. THOMAS, Chairman.  
Merrick Thomas, Sec.-Treas.

### Farm Lands.

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same revested in United States by Act  
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to their former homes in the recaptured portions of France only to find them  
laid waste in the wake of the ruthless Hun. They are penniless, dejected and  
destitute. They are calling to their Central Western Canada Allies and to  
YOU for immediate help. Will their voices be unheard?



### French Wounded Emergency Fund

(Under the Authority of the French Government)  
President, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught



This fund was founded to render emergency relief to destitute and suffering  
dependents of French soldiers—to succour the wounded and to rehabilitate  
families in the recaptured and devastated portions of France

Your Money is Needed Urgently to Alleviate the Distress  
and the Suffering in the Districts Being Retaken  
in the Allies Advance

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Give! Give Generously! Give Today!

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ingly to provide provisions, kitchen utensils, tents, etc., etc.?  
Contributions can be made to any bank. In towns where there is more than  
one bank, a banking committee will be formed in the interests of the French  
Wounded Emergency Fund, who will forward all contributions to

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LET EVERYBODY GIVE SOMETHING NOW







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## The Squire's Sweetheart

KATHARINE TYNAN

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(Continued.)

"Nursing home!" repeated Dr. Vermer, who seemed to have a good deal of time on his hands, seeing that he had charge of another man's patients as well as his own. "Langton has nothing to do with a nursing home that I ever heard of. I only good way of making money, a Nursing Home is, especially for a man who marries a nurse wanting a career of her own. I know a man—Bob Wilkison; he's a poet, you know—Mr. Wilkison's wife has a home for nervous patients, nearly all ladies, who have been crossed in love. Bob had to give up going home. The patients all fell in love with him, which was a bit embarrassing. Ever since Bob Wilkison? He's as like me as if he were my twin. The girls find him irresistible."

A faint sense of the humor of Dr. Vermer penetrated Hilary's mind. He was not light-hearted enough to enjoy it as he would have done another time. It was very hard to wait in patience—not to know what was happening.

The Squire had gone abroad last night. There was something wrong—something wrong, which had been talked about. He had sent a few words to Hilary. Nothing was to be said about Miss Langton's disappearance till the mystery of it was cleared up. People must not be set to gossip about the Squire's sweetheart.

The days passed, heavy as lead. Hilary, since he could not stay by the steps of Mr. Langton's house, went out golfing. Leavened way, flung himself in the open air so that he might get what sleep was possible, and was the better in health for it, even though his troublesome thoughts would keep grinding upon each other, as though between the upper and nether millstones. He had given up the search for the nursing home, not knowing that a turn of the road beyond the golf-links would have brought him to it.

He had become almost used to the dull discomfort of his days, when at last a letter reached him.

CHAPTER XVII.  
In the Powers of Evil

Mrs. Bartlett had secured some sandwiches and a tray of tea and bread and butter before returning to the cabin which she had seen Miss Dolly enter. She opened the door quietly and went in. Miss Dolly was sitting on one of the couches, wearing the most painful look of a sick child, like the only lady awake who is coming to the recognition of unfamiliar surroundings.

"There was something about Mrs. Dolly's heart began to throb and ache with pity."

"There, there, dear," she said, rising down and taking the cold hand in hers. "Don't look so frightened, dear. I'm here to take care of you. Your old Kate is with you. There's nothing I wouldn't do, dear, to keep you from harm, so don't be afraid. Trust in God, my dear. Who sent me foot-foot after you and got me in time for the train."

Something of the helpless terror passed from Dolly's face.

"Oh, Kate," she said, "am glad to see you. I did not know what was happening to me. It is a boat, is it not? How do we come to be in a boat?"

"It is a boat, dear. We're crossing over the sea to England. Don't you be afraid of anything. You've your old Kate to take care of you. I want you to eat and drink, and sleep. It isn't so nice as I'd wish to have it, but never mind about that. It will put the life into you, my dear. Lamb. Here, take a sip of tea—you've been fasting since morning. When you've eaten a bit, we'll say our prayers and ask for the protection of God and His holy angels about us."

The soft, soothing, Irish accents seemed to quiet the girl. She drank

some of the tea and ate some of the food, while Mrs. Bartlett stood by, feeding her, and coaxing her to eat as though she were a child. There was an assurance of strength about the woman as she stood there, her hands on her hips, which was comfortable. A sense of comfort crept into the girl's chilled heart.

"I remember now," she said, beginning to wring her hands and weep. "Oh, Kate, do you know that bad man has such a power over me that he can compel me to go where he will? I thought I was done with him, but he has forced me to follow him—to go with him. What shall I do! What shall I do!"

"I know, honey, I know; there needn't be magic in it at all. Some men have that power over women—and not always the good men; oh, no; not always the good men at all. But he has more than that. There is something queer about him. I know it well."

"I felt it coming over me as I sat there in Kensington Gardens, watching the children, and I had to get up and go. I hated to go. I couldn't tell you how much I hated; but I had to do it all the same. I went into a sleep and to have no power to resist, although I moved like a wild animal; and I was so afraid of him, in a way. Oh, Kate, what are we to do? What will the Squire say? He'll be angry, and I shall be gone. Can you send him word? He will know that I was taken away against my will—and not as you like so dearly; he is everything to me."

"Yes, yes, Miss Dolly, leave all that to me," Mrs. Bartlett said again. "Nothing will happen to you when I am with you. Bless your heart, you are a lamb. The Squire will know right enough. We'll be back with him before he has time to be grieving. Trust your old Kate. I'll never leave you, night nor day. Don't you be afraid! Don't you see, honey love, that I can't go bringing in the police, else it would all be in the papers. I nearly did it at Folkestone, but luckily I remembered. You trust me, Miss Kate, and you know that I will be no more than a little trip abroad for us. We'll be back again in a few days, and you can come with us. That's the best of a place where you have your own hall door and your own maid; just as you like—people only to expect you when they see you."

Every degree she soothed Dolly and persuaded her to lie down and try to sleep. The heaviness of the hypnotic sleep still lay about the cabin, making her feel pale. When Dolly don't lain down, Kate Bartlett knelt and said her prayers aloud, calling on the hierarchy of Heaven to protect her precious lamb wherever she went.

She prayed with extraordinary fervor, apparently improving the prayers as she went on. At last she stood up from her knees, and with foam by this time well out. Through the port-hole she could see a mass of grey swirling water, flashing with foam.

The stewardess knocked at the door, came in, and started at Mrs. Bartlett.

"I'm the young lady's maid," Mrs. Bartlett said.

"You're a good sailor!"

"I've crossed the Irish Sea in a bad storm and took my food when no one else could look at things."

"Ah, so much the wiser. There's going to be some nasty weather. You'll be able to see to your young lady. She do look bad. I'll have my hands full."

She shut the port-hole and went out.

Mrs. Bartlett glanced at Dolly, who seemed quite asleep—she judged.

To make sure, she whispered at the girl's ear that she would not be gone many minutes. Dolly opened her eyes sleepily, smiled at the scarred face from which Mrs. Bartlett had pushed back the veil, and settled herself to sleep again.

"I'll find him," she said, "like a sailor," the woman muttered to herself, as she went up the stairs.

The doors of the companion were closed. On deck a few miserable passengers, wrapped up in the sailors' mackintoshes, stood or sat in corners, trying to shelter from the rain and the wind. There was nothing but greyness all round the sky, thickened by the steadily falling rain, the sea muddy and angry-looking, showing castles paws on the water.

One or two of the luckiest passengers still trudged the deck, their hats down over their eyes, their coat-collars up, their hands deep in their pockets.

(To Be Continued.)

## Real Prohibition Needed

What is necessary if this country is to wage war with all its strength against the manufacture of intoxicating drink, the prohibition of importation and the prohibition of dispatch or receipt of liquor in any prohibition town or province. Only by action of this kind will Canada be able to surround the difficulties that face her in the prosecution of another year of war—Vancouver World

## Now Is The Time To Act

The Time to Make Such a Peace that War Will Be Impossible

Can man abolish this Fury, who devastates the world, who slays youth by the million, and who fills the homes of men with unutterable agony? We are not now thinking of war as an abstract idea, as a far off contingency, as something of which in times of peace heroic men sing martial songs and read war tales to their shivering fans. We are thinking of this actual war that has killed our sons, blinded our brother, crippled our friend and maddened our neighbor; this beastly war that stinks under heaven like some colossal fungus rotting in a wood that nature made for poets and lovers; this ruinous war that has destroyed the accumulated centuries old wealth of Europe in a few months; this malignant war which has made men hate each other with such an acrid bitterness as has destroyed even the chivalry and ceremonial of the past.

Defeat, this war which has maddened delicate woman, defenseless children and poor, decrepit old age into its steel and blood and death—this war, can it be abolished so that never again will it destroy a peasant's cottage or break the heart of a mother?

Let us make no mistake of the urgency of this question. It is now, it is the hour of death, that we must make an answer. We are asking for "peace" returns, and it is like to be only that false peace which brought us to this blood and death—this war, while the precious blood of youth is still draining into the cesspools of death. If we ask ourselves this question, then such a peace may we make as shall out-winter all the peace of the past. We must ask with an agony of the heart, a determination of the mind and a longing of the soul, as if we were drawing men to whom a rope has been thrown out of the darkness into a long and perilous journey in North American Review.

KEEP CHILDREN WELL  
DURING HOT WEATHER

Every mother knows how fatal the hot summer months are to small children. Cholera infantum, diarrhoea, dysentery and stomach troubles are rife at this time and often a precious little life is lost after only a few hours' illness. The mother who keeps Baby's Own Tablets in the house feels safe. The occasional use of the Tablets prevents stomach and bowel troubles, or if trouble comes suddenly—as it generally does—the Tablets will bring the baby safely through. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

The Grammar School Principal went from room to room explaining what to do in case of fire. The pupils listened with respectful attention until he came to his final instructions, then smiles and giggles disturbed the principal's serenity.

"Above all things," he said, "if your clothing catches fire, remain cool!"—Chicago News.

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## Alberta's Coal Output

During the three months ending March 31 the coal output of Alberta amounted to 1,501,200 tons. The greater part consisted of lignite, and came from twenty-seven districts throughout the province, the Lethbridge district being the highest producer. The total production of last year was 4,648,604 tons.

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## School Land Monies

Increased Revenue For Provinces Through Investment in War Bonds

By the investment of the school lands money held in trust by the Dominion government in five per cent war bonds instead of three per cent savings bank interest the revenue of the three prairie provinces will be increased by over \$20,000,000 a year.

Manitoba's school land monies held in trust by the Dominion government amount to \$4,050,040, so that an additional \$800,000 a year will result there if the increased interest. The increase in Saskatchewan's revenue will be slightly higher, namely \$82,000 per year, the amount of the school lands trust funds of this province being \$4,093,063.30. Alberta has \$3,091,579 in school land money held in trust by the Dominion government. Its revenue in consequence of the investment of the funds in war bonds will therefore be increased by more than \$600,000.

For the enlightenment of our readers who desire to know something about the school system of Western Canada, it may be explained that school land of two sections (1,280 acres) in every township (36 sections) in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, that is, approximately one-eighth of the entire area of the three provinces. These lands are administered by the Dominion government in trust, with the object of establishing a fund for educational purposes in the provinces mentioned. They are disposed of, from time to time, at public auction only to the highest bidder, and subject to a certain upset price. From this source a very large revenue is derived which makes possible an adequate school system at small cost to the home-maker.

## Minard's Liniment Co. Limited.

Gentlemen—I have used MINARD'S LINIMENT on my vessel and in my family for years and for the last time and often a precious little life is lost after only a few hours' illness. The mother who keeps Baby's Own Tablets in the house feels safe. The occasional use of the Tablets prevents stomach and bowel troubles, or if trouble comes suddenly—as it generally does—the Tablets will bring the baby safely through. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Sch. Stork, St. Andre, Kamouraska.

"Why is it that truth will rise again when crushed to earth?"

"Because of its elasticity, of course. Don't you know how easy it is to stretch the truth?"—Boston Transcript.

Do not allow worms to sap the vitality of your children. If not attended to, worms may work irreparable harm to the constitution of the infant. The little sufferers cannot voice their ailment, but there are many signs by which mothers are made aware that a dose of Miller's Worm Powder is necessary. These powders act quickly and will expel worms from the system without any inconvenience to the child.

Girl's Father—"But how can you support my daughter? Twenty dollars a week won't pay the rent."

Suitor—"You don't mean to say you will charge Edith and me rent, do you?"

## Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

"Have you got a war garden?"

"Yep, a bigger one than I had last year."

"There were no war gardens last year."

"If you had seen the fights I had with my neighbor's rooster over your garden last year you would have called it a war garden."—Houston Post.

## Profit By New Zealand's Blunder

As a result of this unwise system of drafting, the agricultural area under crop in New Zealand has fallen by more than 100,000 acres in one year. The crop of wheat this year is two million bushels less than a year ago, and the reduction in the oat crop reaches a similar total.

Having on hand already a National Service register, the Canadian government should not fall into the error which is noticeable in New Zealand at the maximum, particularly in agriculture, and they should know how many men are available for these productive works and who they are. And with this information in hand, there is no good reason why we should not escape New Zealand's blunder.—Calgary Daily Herald.

Unwritten poems and unprinted songs make life adorable.

## MONEY ORDERS

Send a Dominion Express Money Order. They are payable everywhere.

Secure the agency in your district for PELHAM'S PEARLESS FRUIT and ORNAMENTAL TREES. Good pay—exclusive territory. Our agencies are valuable. Write PELHAM LAUNDRY CO., Toronto, Ont.

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Tones and invigorates the whole system. It is the best remedy for all ailments of the chest, throat, and lungs. It is the best remedy for all ailments of the stomach and bowels. It is the best remedy for all ailments of the head and nerves. It is the best remedy for all ailments of the skin and hair. It is the best remedy for all ailments of the eyes and ears. It is the best remedy for all ailments of the mouth and throat. It is the best remedy for all ailments of the nose and sinuses. It is the best remedy for all ailments of the throat and lungs. It is the best remedy for all ailments of the chest and stomach. It is the best remedy for all ailments of the bowels and bladder. It is the best remedy for all ailments of the kidneys and bladder. It is the best remedy for all ailments of the liver and gall bladder. It is the best remedy for all ailments of the spleen and pancreas. It is the best remedy for all ailments of the heart and lungs. 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# Alleged Profits of The William Davies Company in 1916 on Bacon, as Indicated by Department of Labor to be Five Cents per Pound, Untrue:

## Actual Profits Two-Thirds of a Cent per Pound

**T**he statement issued by the Department of Labor concerning the business of The William Davies Company Limited has been given widespread circulation throughout the country and provoked public unrest.

Whatever the technical wording of the report was, the effect has been that the newspapers have published that "the profits on Bacon alone" of this Company "for 1916" were about "five millions of dollars." This interpretation of the official report is not surprising in view of certain statements that the Commissioner of the Cost of Living makes. The Commissioner is reported as saying that "There were two individual cases of profiteering in 1916 and that had these cases occurred since the passage of the cost of living Order-in-Council, he would consider it his duty to recommend that

the facts be laid before the Attorney-General for consideration as to their criminality." The situation created by such erroneous and damaging statements is serious as emanating from a Government official, from whom one looks for not only accurate statements but correct conclusions.

The William Davies Company, being a private concern, has followed the practice of all private corporations, except when it made a bond issue in 1911, in that it has not published reports of its assets and liabilities or profit and loss. The present circumstance, however, in which a Government Official has led the public to false conclusions, makes it advisable for this Company, for both the public interest and its own interest, to publish particulars of its business as well as point out the error of the statement of the Government Official.

For the last fiscal year ending March 27th, 1917, The William Davies Company bought and killed 1,045,000 head of Live Stock (Cattle, Hogs and Sheep). This, plus purchases of outside Meats, produced 160,000,000 pounds of Meats. The Company handled 6,500,000 pounds of Butter and Cheese, 5,650,000 dozens of Eggs, and manufactured 36,300,000 tins of Canned Goods.

The net profits on these were 48 cents (or two-thirds of a cent) per pound on meats, 1.04 cents on Butter and Cheese, 1.04 cents per dozen on Eggs, and .47 cents (or slightly less than one-half a cent) per tin on Canned Goods. These profits include profits on all By-Products derived from these accounts.

During the year the Company served at its retail stores 7,500,000 customers, the average purchase value of each customer was 55c., and the net profit upon each sale was 5-8 of 1 cent.

The turnover of the Company from all its operations for the last fiscal year ending March 27th, 1917, was \$40,000,000. The net percentage of profit upon this turnover, after deducting war tax, was 1.69 per cent., or including war tax

3.43 per cent.

The William Davies Company has assets of \$13,585,000 of which \$8,865,000 is tied up in fixed investments.

To provide the necessary facilities for the increased volume of business the Company expended \$750,000 in buildings and equipment during the year.

Companies of other character present no more reasonable statement of profit and loss based upon the investments made in the business. The William Davies Company offered to the Imperial authorities, as well as to the War Office Service (which represents the Imperial authorities in Canada) to place the output of its factory with respect to Bacon supplies, Canned Beef and Pork and Bacon at the service of the authorities, on the basis of cost plus an agreed percentage. These offers were successively declined as the authorities evidently desired to purchase in the open market, and on this basis The William Davies Company has secured War Office business by open competition with the world.

## Respecting the Report of the Commissioner on the Cost of Living:-

Last Winter the Commissioner, under authority of Order-in-Council, required packers to submit statements under oath for some years back and up to December last, 1916, of incoming stocks of Meats and the cost of such, as well as statements of outgoing product and the selling value. This Company represented in writing at the time that the information as specifically required was not in accordance with Packing House Accounting methods, and invited the Commissioner to send an Officer to the Head Office of the Company to examine the books for any information desired, and to secure a viewpoint as to the best way of collecting data which would be of use to the Government. This offer was declined, and there was nothing to do but fill in the information required as literally as we could determine it. For example, there was no recognition of the fact that a raw product may enter a factory under a specific classification and leave the factory as a finished product under some other classification.

We submitted a series of accurate figures based upon our interpretation of the official requirements which made no provision for charges of any description other than incoming freight and unloading charges to be included in the cost or to be deducted from the selling price. There was in the report which would be read so as to determine a profit and loss statement. "The very fact that with only a statement based upon cost of raw products and value of sales in Great Britain a Government Official has deduced "Large margins," "Profiteering," and "Criminality" if it had occurred since the passage of a recent Act, shows too dangerous a trifling and incapacity to be permitted to deal with any important situation. The statements of this Company have been treated by the author of this report as if the outgoing product was identical with the incoming product, and from the series of reports he has singled out two items—the Bacon and Egg reports—and from them deduced an erroneous "margin" which the newspapers have interpreted as "profit." The author of the inquiry shows a striking lack of even a fundamental knowledge of simple bookkeeping and a dangerous inability to co-ordinate figures. The following are specific and outstanding errors in the report.

The principal item that is causing excitement deals with cold storage bacon. The term "cold-storage" is not defined, and the public is allowed to make its own definitions. As all Bacon in a packing house is under refrigeration it is really all cold-storage, and therefore this Company's figures of cold storage Bacon represent the complete quantity of Bacon handled in its entire plant, whether in freezers or in process of cure for immediate shipment. That some com-

panies interpreted cold-storage product as "fresher" product only is evidenced by the smallness or entire lack of figures on the Bacon list for some Plants, indicating that many Firms did not submit statements of their complete stocks, as did this Company. An Official of this Company pointed out this cold-storage distinction to Mr. O'Connor and Miss McCanna in Ottawa a few weeks ago, and was asked to make the distinction after having had it pointed out evidences lack of desire for accuracy of the real information desired.

It is true The William Davies Company, in 1916, exported 97,700,000 pounds of Bacon, but we do not know how the margin of 5.0 cents per pound is arrived at by Mr. O'Connor, as there were no figures to justify a conclusion. The probabilities are that the margin is arrived at by taking the average cost per pound of incoming product from the average selling price per pound of outgoing product. This may be a rough way of estimating the gross margin when dealing with small figures, but when dealing with figures the size that Mr. O'Connor has to deal with, a very small margin of a cent per pound of error makes a very important difference in the total, and one must be careful to make sure that the outgoing product is the same finished merchandise of the incoming product reported on.

Allowing it to pass, however, as a rough estimate, we wish to point out—(first)—the inquiry of the Commissioner allowed only for incoming freight and unloading charges, and made no provision whatsoever for operating charges of any kind, such as labor, curing materials, refrigeration, etc. etc. Such actual charges on the 97,700,000 pounds exported were \$1,102,000—or 1.2 cents per pound. This amount covered all charges up to the point of placing the Bacon on cars for b. packing house. In addition to this was the actual cost to land and sell the 97,700,000 pounds in England after leaving the packing house, which involved charges of 2.9 cents per pound—or \$2,846,000. Thus 2.9 cents per pound included inland and ocean freight, land charges, war and marine insurance, cables, and selling commission to agents. The ocean freight and war risk alone would make up 2.4 cents of the charge of 2.9 cents per pound. This 1.2 cents, plus 2.9 cents—a total of 4.1 cents—must be deducted from Mr. O'Connor's margin of 5.0 cents per pound, leaving a margin of .95 cents, or slightly less than a cent per pound, which will have to be reduced because of the error of premises and because of further factors which have to be considered to determine net profits.

It is quite evident some of the other packers did not show selling values in the country in which the goods were

sold—a proceeding quite proper, as the forms submitted to be filled in were indefinite and ambiguous, thus permitting without charge of evasion a variety of interpretation as to the information required. It is thus possible that of all the figures submitted by the different packers that no two sets of costs and sales prices are determined at the same common point. It is this difference of interpretation of what was required that accounts for the difference of the alleged "margin" made by the different companies. Common conclusions, however, have been drawn by the author of the report from varying bases of premises.

The figures of the Egg business were submitted on the same basis as Bacon, and similar deductions must be made.

(Second)—The above margin is further reduced in that the author of this inquiry singled out the Bacon figures as an item in which the selling price shows an alleged improper advance over cost, but he did not give us credit for the statements of other products, of which figures were submitted the selling prices of which were under cost. The reason of this was that through failure to inquire the Department entirely overlooked the fact that product may come in as pork and, through the process of manufacture, go out as Bacon or, in another instance, enter the factory as beef and go out in the form of canned meats; for example, much of the product which came in as pork, and which was entered on the pork sheet submitted to the Commissioner—about which he makes no mention—was cured and left the factory in the form of Bacon, and was, therefore, entered on the outgoing side of the Bacon sheet—the result is that the Bacon sales are increased by this amount over the incoming stocks of Bacon, and, likewise, the sheet showing sales of pork is reduced by the amount that went out in the form of Bacon. If the Department takes one set of figures that show favorable to the Company they should take another set of figures that show unfavorable, as the principle in either case is the same, and failure to do so looks as if the author of the report was exercising more cynicism than sound judgment in his conclusions.

(Third)—It is queried in the report that "if the margin of 3.47 cents," alleged to have been made in 1915, "was satisfactory, why was it necessary to show increased margin in 1916?" Assuming again for the moment the soundness of the premises in asking such a question based on an erroneous "margin" it will be found that the increased margin is chiefly absorbed in increased ocean freight rates and war risk insurance in 1916, of which apparently the author of the report was in ignorance.

The Company does not challenge either the legal or moral right of the Government to investigate business enterprises when public interests direct such investigation should be made. If an investigation of the packing and meat business is ordered, the Company will place at the disposal of the Government not only the data it would be required to supply under Order-in-Council directing that inquiry be made, but will place the experience of its officers at the disposal of the investigating committee, if it is considered that they can render any service which will be of value. The Company has not now—nor at any time during the fifty years of its operation—anything to conceal in method or practice of carrying on its business. It does, however, claim the right to conduct its export business without abusive comment from Government civil servants—especially when the conclusions drawn from the data asked for are improper and false.

One of Canada's chief export industries is the packing business. It is essential to the live stock industry, and, along with other export industries, it maintains the financial stability of this country, and should, providing it is on a sound basis, receive encouragement and not dangerous abuse. In view of the publicity given to the report of the Commissioner on the cost of living, the Company demands the same publicity in having an official Government investigation of this report to determine the truthfulness or untruthfulness of its conclusions. We do not seek public consideration as a company, but we do say that untruthful official statements, or statements the effect of which is to create an untruth-

adversely affect the live stock industry of this country, which is so valuable and essential a wealth-producing and employment-giving industry, are harmful to the very people that the statement seeks to benefit.

If the passing out of existence of a corporation such as The William Davies Company, or if nationalization of packing houses would materially and permanently reduce food prices, then in view of the present world tragedy it ought to be consummated without delay. The fact of the matter is, however, that with millions of people in Europe turning from producers into consumers because of the war, and the tremendous destruction of food products incident to war, there is no remedy for the high prices of food while such conditions last, except the remedy of thrift and increase of production.

Long before there was talk of a Food Controller in the United States or Canada The William Davies Company urged the Government at Ottawa, in writing, to appoint a Food Controller with full power to do what he saw fit, as we realized at that time the upward tendency in the price of food commodities unless checked by official effort. At the most a great deal cannot be done in reducing food prices while currency is inflated and until the scale of prices of all kinds of commodities declines also. What can be done can only be done by a Food Controller. We wish to point out that nothing at all can be accomplished unless the data secured are accurately and clearly made and the deductions therefrom sound. Only public harm arises from dangerous incompetency in the haphazard collection and careless use of important figures.

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Dated the 30th day of July, 1917.

W. McElROY,

Secretary-Treasurer of the Village of Crossfield.

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